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THE STORY SO FAR

Suruga Kanbaru is a girl whose regret and jealousy drove her to make a wish to a Monkey's Paw, and it turns out that she was the mysterious, raincoat-wearing figure that suddenly attacked Koyomi Araragi. After revealing herself and her feelings, Koyomi empathizes with Suruga and frantically tries to save her. Words of advice from Mèmè Oshino make Koyomi believe that there is a clear path towards resolving Suruga's situation, but before long, he is confronted by his own naiveté and a critical difference between himself and Suruga...

MAIN CHARACTERS

Suruga Kanbaru

The star and captain of the basketball team, as well as the biggest celebrity on campus. She fell in love with Hitagi, became envious of Koyomi, and made a wish to a "monkey."

Koyomi Araragi

A boy who was attacked by a vampire. His vampiric powers grow stronger when he lets Shinobu suck his blood.

Hitagi Senjogahara

A girl whose weight was once stolen by a "crab." Though they were in different athletic clubs, she and Suruga had a junior-senior relationship in middle school.

Mèmè Oshino

An expert on aberrations who Koyomi relies on whenever he has a problem. He makes the ruins of a former cram school his home.

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Don't make that face.

Kan-baru.

I'm done. I'll give up.

That's what your mother must have been thinking when she left you this mummified devil.

I'm done. I'll give up.

You can do it. You can make your own wishes come true...

You can't give up!

...Wait.

It's like there's a deep abyss where your face should be. Stop it.

So, don't make that face.

No...
That's
not
right...

That's
my
face.
My
look.

Oshino was right.

It's true... Maybe I never wished for anything from an aberration.

To wish ...

...is to take, Araragi.

...It could also be...

...that I wished for something from Kanbaru without being aware of it...

Just as Kanbaru didn't knowingly wish for something from a devil...

But ...

My under-handed calcu-lations.

My scheming persis-tence.

AAAAGH!

Or could it be all of the above?

Or is it your own human decency, Araragi?

Maybe Missy Tsundere's lost past?

What is it that you want to save...? This Missy's left arm?

Wouldn't you, Araragi?

I'd say that's a little greedy of you.

Dam-mit!!!

Oh no! I let the pressure get to me and leaped forward!

Ah.

...then it's the same as Kanbaru making wishes to that devil of a left arm.

If I had been wishing for all those things from Kanbaru...

Equivalent exchange.

$$\int_0^\infty d^4x + s_n(t)\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(p[\omega_{\mu\nu}(x)] - \pi) = (\ a\ )$$

① Solve for a.

What am I going to need to hand to Kanbaru?

If Kanbaru handed her body and her soul to that devil... then what does that mean for me?

If I tackle her to the ground, then—

Even if I watch out for her left arm—she's going to kick me.

FST

THP

THP

THP

THP

THP

SHUDDER

THP

THP

THP

THP

A chill ran down my spine.

...I shuddered at just how careless I was.

I *really* never give up a good chance to be wrong, huh.

HSOOMƆS

HSOOMƆS

HSOOMƆS

HSOOMƆS

BOOM

THWAKKT

Neck

Head

Broken

KRSH

KRSH

KRSH

KRSHH

"Driving Kanbaru into this narrow passage to immobilize her"—
Did I really think that would work?

I mean, Kanbaru had already told me...

To her, the court was a limited area of space divided into rectangles.

And within those confines, she said she could be faster than anyone else.

THWOPP

THWOPP

THWOPP

THWOPP

To Suruga Kanbaru, this space we're in...

...is no different from a basketball court!!

Even if I pass out from a lethal amount of damage,

I can't die.

I return to life every time I'm killed.

Again and again ...

...in a hell of endless death and rebirth.

I'd made light of Kan-baru.

I'd sold her short.

I... I can't ... ... recover fast enough ...

SHUDDER

What does it take to kill you, anyway?

Do I need to cut you up into two-inch cubes? Tell me.

Two inches ?!

Two inches.

Once more—a chill ran down my spine.

No.

In this moment, those words seem more real than ever before...

I hate you! I hate you!
hate you! I hate you!
I hate you! I hate you!
you! I hate you!
hate you! I hate you!
I hate you! I hate you!
you! I hate you!
hate you! I hate you!
I hate you! I hate you!
you! I hate you!
hate you! I hate you!

I HATE YOU. I HATE YOU. I HATE YOU. I HATE YOU.

I HATE YOU. I HATE YOU. I HATE YOU. I HATE YOU.

BOOM

At long last ...

...I understood.

I realized my biggest mistake of all.

Kan-baru ...

You...

SZZZZ

That's right.

I never should have wished for anything from Kanbaru.

SBLOKK

...Kan-baru.

You just won't do...

Giving. Taking. I should never have put any of it in someone else's hands.

SKRRK

SKRRK

SKRRK

If I had a wish, I needed to make it to myself.

ZSST

WHAT I NEEDED...

...WAS TO HATE YOU, KANBARU.

化け *bake*

物 *mono*

語 *gatari*

器 *gatari*

物 *mono*

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化 *bake*

You...

ZSST

ZSSSHT

You just won't do, Kanbaru!!

I can't wipe away my remorse.

Not when it comes to Kanbaru, and not when it comes to Senjogahara, either.
Still, would I trade places if given the chance to do so?
No.
I would never trade places.
No one can ever take the place of another.
And I have no desire to cede my position.
Not at all.

BWOOF

BOOM

PTT

KAH

THWAK

KAH

KAH

KRAK

That's right.

If I'm your hated rival in love...

...then you were mine.

And I'd...

ZZT

...have done better to hate you, Kanbaru.

BWEE

FFFFH!!

I never saw Suruga Kanbaru as my equal.

I did this with consummate ease while I rested upon my perch of absolute security.

SGRRCH

FFH!

SGRRCH

FFFHHH!

I'd looked down on her. Made light of her.

SGRRCH

SGRRCH

FFFHHH!

FFFHHH!

I wanted them to make up?

FFFHH!

Did I really think I'd have them reconcile? Unbeliev-able.

How many more people do you ha to hurt w your kind ness? Wh will you b satisfied

Such a bad, callous person.

A reason for her heart to ache?

You're so kind it makes me sick, Ara-ragi.

How thoroughly repulsive a deed was that?

Such a good, kind person.

And not just from me.

I bet you're always hearing about how much of a good, kind person you are.

It's as if I'm a beast masquerading as a human.

ZZT

...

STAND YOU!

SGRRRRCH

I CAN'T ...

SKRRR

THWOK

STAND YOU =

I CAN'T ...

"I CAN'T STAND YOU!

BOOM

BOOM

BWOOM

BWOOM

GLOPP

SPLURCH

Kan-
baru.

I'm
sorry.

RATTLE

RATTLE

...these attacks won't work on me. They're only painful.

Even if this is everything you have...

THK

KLUNK

TWITCH

TWITCH

SPLATT

SPLATT

TWITCH

TWITCH

I don't have any trouble standing you at all.

Only my body ...

...feels any pain.

We may be rivals in love.

We may be forced to hate each other out of necessity.

And even though we're polar opposites—with you, the biggest celebrity on campus and me, barely part of the scenery in class...

...at least be friends?

Can't the two of us...

HEH!

Ah ...!

Ah ...

...

AAAA

TWITCH

...ヒロト PTT

...

Why ...?!

Looks like you're having fun without me, Araragi.

You seem to be enjoying yourselves.

How unpleas-ant.

Se-Senjo-gahara ...?!

Wh-Why are you... here?!

Ugh!

It has to have been Oshino! That asshole ...

I can't believe him! And why would he call her now, of all times?! If you think I'm that unreliable, then you show up here yourself, Oshino!!

He went through my bag...and must've gotten Senjogahara's number from my phone!

I'll hold onto your stuff. It'll just get in the way, won't it?

Huh
?!

WUH?!

POP

BOOOM

FLUTTER

FLUTTER

FLUTTER

STOMP

Blugh!

THWAK

So, Araragi. You lied to me.

...Gh! Uurgh!

What?! Why did Kanbaru run off?!

Don't tell me it was the power of love. It can't be anything that convenient...

You misled me by saying you tripped and fell.

You kept Kanbaru's aberration a secret, too.

No, I just tripped and fell.

Just look around. The road's all bumpy from construction, right...?

Ex-cuse me?

You deserve to die a thousand times over.

Didn't we promise we wouldn't do anything like that when we started dating?

But, dear me, Araragi ...

It looks like you already *did* die a thousand times.

I suppose I'll let you off the hook this one time.

Hehe

A chill ran down my spine.

An enormous mass of fear coursed through me. I'd never felt so scared,

even while Raincoat was beating me senseless.

THRUST

GSSHT

10m

20m

TARGET

LOCK ON

And then ...

Just like that, it began.

BOOM

There was a foot race between the two.

A match in lieu of the one they never had in middle school.

There was also the idea of doing a hundred-meter dash before the free throw contest.

But I had to say no to that. It would've been awful for me if I ended up losing.

GSSH

But ...

Senjo-gahara was a former middle-school track star.

SGRRK

SGRK

SGRK

GSSH

GSSH

She was up against a top-level high-school athlete in her prime.

And she was an aberra-tion!!

She may have been twice as far from me, but—

WOOSH

...Ngh!!

BTT

Ah!

BWUF

GRRRRK

GRRRRK

Urgh!

Ffh!

BWOOF

Greegh!

FLAIL

FLAIL

Hurgh!

FLAIL

Unh!

FLAIL

Urf!

I bet you thought your death would solve everything, didn't you?

Araragi, knowing you,

DRAG

Eeeh!

DRAG

DRAG

Eh...!

Don't come near me until I'm healed!

Senjogahara! I'm still totally messed up from the waist down!

She... stopped her fist? And wait— what? Is she in pain...?!

HYAH!

It would have been easy for me to get away from her arm.

But doing so would have destroyed Kanbaru's arm in a manner even more cruel than lopping it off with Shinobu's blade.

AAGH

Uh—

HURK

The life I have now is like a bonus...

I already lost my life to that aberration during spring break, anyway.

...I ended up relying on Kanbaru, anyway.

Wish

And...

But if *she took it from me as compensation for my wish...*

I wasn't going to hand my own position over to Kanbaru. I wasn't going... to just give it to her.

Senjogahara had regained what she'd lost—and I was there by her side.

I could accept that.

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han Who Cries at Takada Castle in Joetsu—

Are you trying to turn me into a murderer, Araragi?

I told you that once, didn't I?

If you died, how would I not do everything in my capacity to kill Kanbaru?

But, you know, all these unsolicited favors, these needless interventions, this counter-productive meddling...

When it's coming from you, Araragi...

...

...I can't even die carelessly, can I?

...I guess I don't mind it too much.

BWOOF

I'm glad you seem to be doing well.

It's been a while.

TWITCH

ZAKK

Kan-
baru.

Ah!

Ah!

Aiee!

Ng-
hee!

Eeee
...!

That's not it.

I thought that Kanbaru's will had actually stopped the raincoat's attack, but...

Right ! Oh ...

I get it... I think.

Aberrations are governed by reason.

It was reason.

But that doesn't change the fact...

...that there's still a valid wish on the surface.

The Rainy Devil sees through your wish and grants what it finds there.

SWIRL

Buhhh...!

Yeek!

Hyeek!

And...

Hitagi Senjo-gahara...

ZAKK

...is able to do what Koyomi Araragi could never do—and she can do it with ease.

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Ah!

Hyeek!

Ghaah!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

Eek!

Aberrations are governed by reason.

Ah!

Ah!

TWITCH

TWITCH

Eeek!

But that doesn't change the fact that there's still a valid wish on the surface.

The Rainy Devil sees through your wish and grants what it finds there.

So that's what's happening here!

Oh...!

...!

...ended up granting her surface-level wish.

That's right. Even during her first "wish," the Rainy Devil...

...Kanbaru's surface-level wish of wanting to be by Senjogahara's side—that part of the contract—could never be held up.

If she were to hurt Senjogahara ...

Urrbh!

Ah!

Aanhh!

Eek!

SPLATCH

SPLATCH

Gha-ah!

...also made it impossible for the Rainy Devil to kill me.

And Senjogahara's declaration that she would kill Kanbaru if Kanbaru killed me...

Oonh!

KRAK

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

Onn-ngh!

Hye-ek!

Ooh-nngh!

Aahn!

Onn-ngh!

DRIP

DRIP

And ...

Hitagi Senjo-gahara...

...is easily capable of doing what neither Koyomi Araragi nor the Rainy Devil ever could.

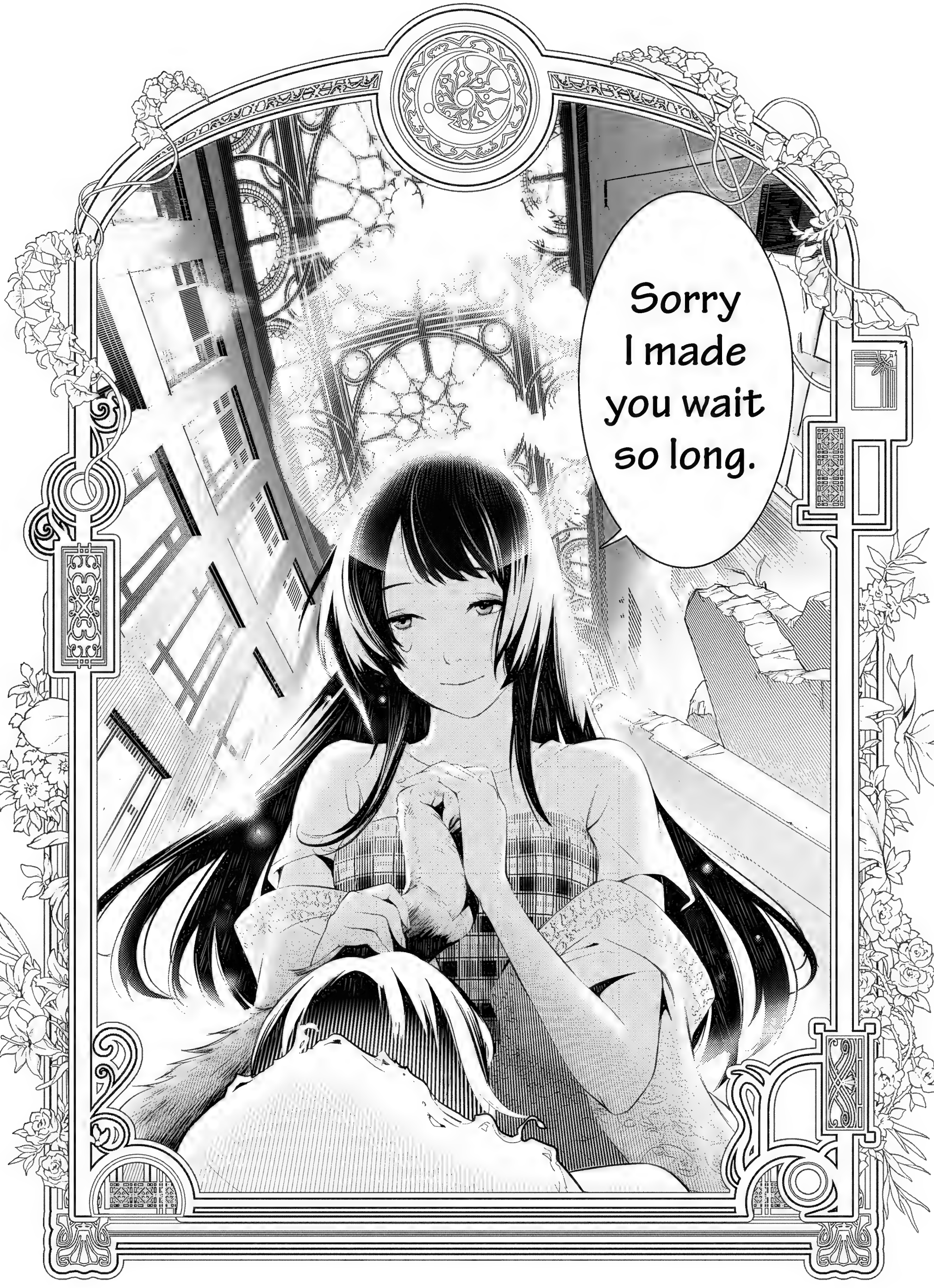
"I want to be by Senjogahara's side"...

TWITCH
PLOD PLOD PLOD
KRSSH
?!
...
I...
...Senjo-gahara...
My... senior...

I love you.

Oh.

I don't share those exact feelings.


Sorry
I made
you wait
so long.

Will you stay by my side anyway?

THONK

ゴ…

ゴ…

ROLL

What a fool I am.

Yeah... Of course ...

I should've known this about Senjo-gahara....

I knew she was bad at giving up on things.

The height of folly.

Geez— I was pretty much expected to lose.

If it's something that really matters to her...

...Hitagi Senjo-gahara would never give it up.

...I really was just useless here, huh.

I know it's always like this, but...

Counter-productive meddling.

Unsolicited favors. Needless inter-ventions.

Play with a devil, become a devil.

...I think.

I reinforced the union between Kanbaru and that devil...

In the end, all I did...was dig around and dredge up things from Kanbaru's unconscious.

We got in so deep that even I turned into a devil...

It's even worse than that.

...wasn't someone to play with her.

What Kanbaru needed...

Maybe it's lonely?

Geez...
We really are messed up.

Every last one of us.

I bet he'll say something like...

Oshino probably saw through this all.

Hey there.

Some-thing good happen to you?

?!

HAH

KEE HEE HEE

OH HO HO

CLAP

CLAP

WHISPER

WHISPER

...

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TIPTOE

TIPTOE

DASH

The next day, I was roused awake as usual...

BOOOM

WAKE UP, KOYOMIIII!

GHURK!

...by my little sisters Karen and Tsukihi.

I'd promised to study with Senjogahara, and today would be my third session with her.

Ooh! Hehe!

It'll just be me and her for the entire day.

I'll finally get to eat some of her home cooking toda—

OH!

GOOD MORNING, MY SENIOR ARARAGI!

SKRK

SKRK

WHPP

...Good morning, Miss Kanbaru.

...How do you know where I live?

Ha ha ha! Aw, like you didn't know already... I used to stalk you, so it's only natural that I'd have figured out your home address!

Hm? Oh, I don't deserve such a formal greeting! But your decorum and good manners are truly amazing! At a very basic, human level, you're just made of better stuff than me!

Is there a reason you're here?

So...

Yeah, they have... If anything, the sun is the tough part for me now that I'm vampiric... but it's not as bad as I thought it'd be.

Have your injuries healed yet?

SKRK

...I GOT A CALL FROM MY SENIOR SENJOGAHARA AND SHE TOLD ME TO COME GET YOU!

YEP!

YOU SEE, JUST THIS MORNING...

And if there's anything else you need, don't hesitate to ask!

Oh, and let me hold your bag. I polished your bike and oiled the chain, too.

...She's gone beyond being a friend.

She's become a gofer now.

Can't the two of us at least be friends?

How about a massage before we get going?

After all, we really went at it last night. You must be worn out.

YOU REALIZE WE'RE STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE, DON'T YOU?! AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT?!

Well, you really did give it to me hard.

I thought I might never be able to walk again, but I actually came out of it with a healthy glow.

WHAT-EVER! LET'S GO!

Give me back my bag. Now.

...And I'd worry about your body more. Are you okay?

Oshino said that the devil's responsible for taking on everything that occurs while the wish-granting contract is in play.

...So I guess that explains things.

Wait, but what about your team?

You've got a tournament coming up. You didn't have practice this morning?

No.

I can't play basketball anymore.

It was all so half-baked.

In the end, my arm didn't go back to normal.

There's no way I could keep playing basketball with my arm like this.

Maybe it's premature, but I'm retiring.

AGH, WAIT!! DON'T PICK UP MY WHOLE BIKE!

HECK, HOW ABOUT I JUST CARRY YOU THE REST OF THE WAY TO MY SENIOR SENJOGAHARA'S HOME? I CAN HOLD YOU LIKE A NEW BRIDE OVER THE THRESHOLD.

MY ARM'S STILL POWERFUL IN ITS OWN WAY, THOUGH. IT'S PRETTY HANDY, Y'KNOW!

That much was only fair, it seemed.

Her wish had been granted—even if it was only by half.

Kan-baru...

This is where I take my leave.

All right, my senior Araragi.

Thanks, okay?

Yeah, I get it. You made that very clear as we made our way here.

Enough, already.

If anything, the fact that I could never do enough to express my gratitude to you fills me with anguish!

There isn't a single reason for you to thank someone like me.

What are you talking about?

KREEK

Oh hoh?

I get it. You're trying to use me to get yourself a home-cooked treat from Senjogahara, aren't you?

D'aww!

That's fine with me, then. It's only fair for you to be rewarded with something like that.

Well... Sure.

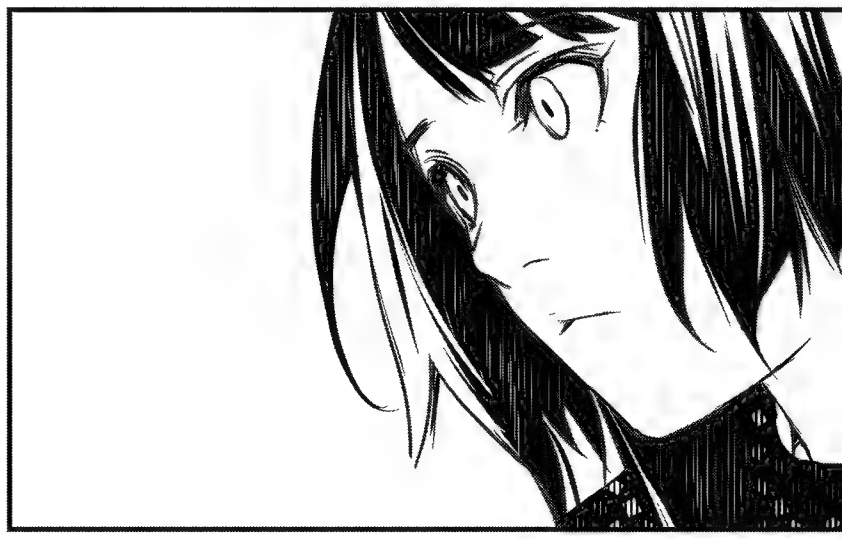
See ya.

I...

I lost everything during spring break.

Even my life.

I can never get that back.



...That's what I thought.

But I was wrong.

Kanbaru made me realize something.

It may not be in the form that you want.

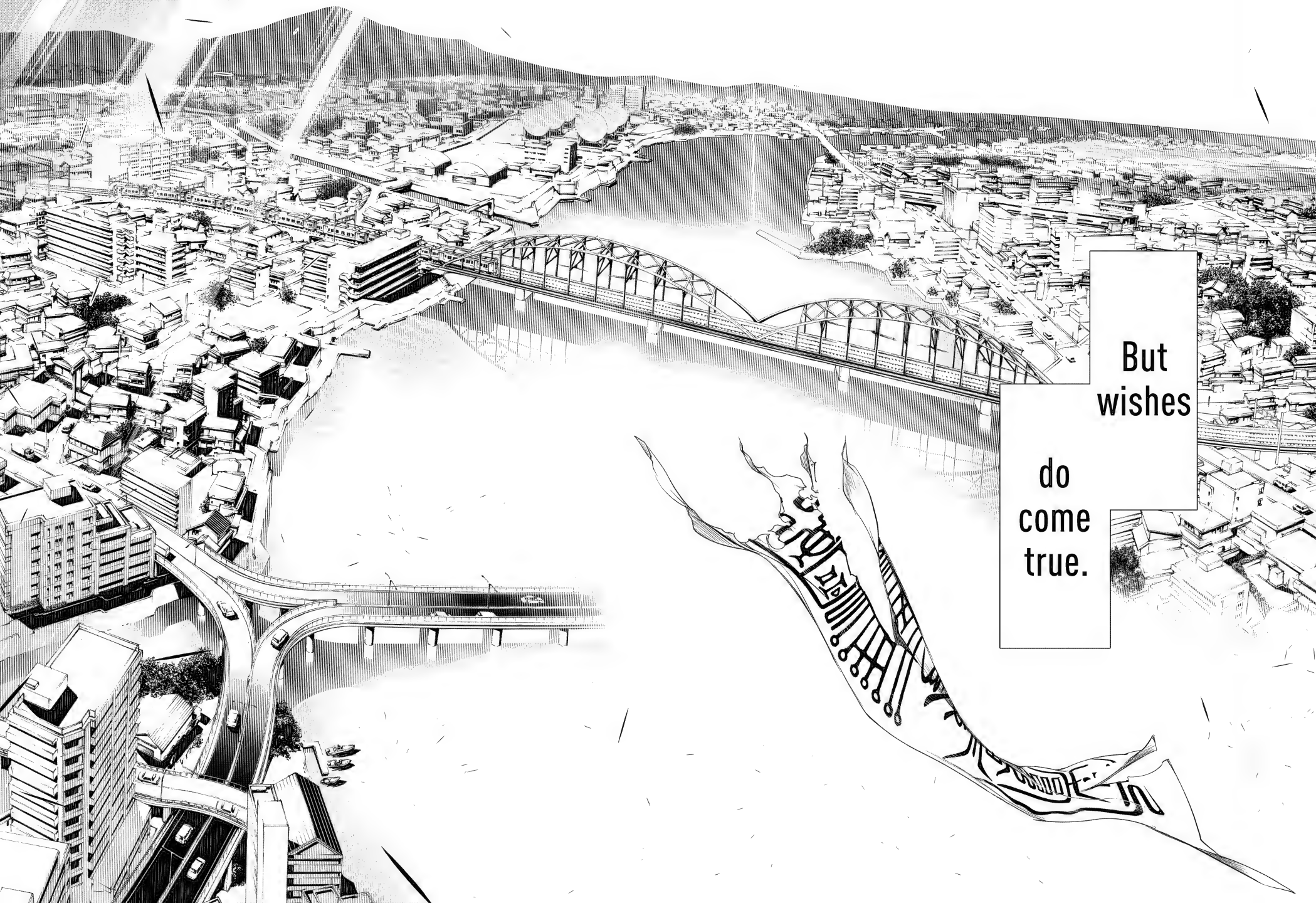
And you may pay a bigger price than you were expecting.

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

PRRIP


But wishes do come true.

WINNER RAMEN

Chicken-Cutlet-Dinner-Flavored for Winners!

WINNER RAMEN

Chicken-Cutlet-Dinner-Flavored for Winners!

Noth-ing...

What?

Hurry up and eat it. You're wast-ing time.

World history is easy, so we're getting through it today.

World history is easy...?

Yes, it is. You just have to memorize all the important terminology and that's it, right?

...

A great quote worthy of a genius.

Are you familiar with Thomas Edison's famous words? He said, "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

POKE

POKE

EUREKA!!

1%

00!

AH!

But I bet he thought the one percent was more important.

They say that's about all that separates a human's genes from a monkey's. Isn't that right, mister monkey?

...Yes.

POKE

POKE

POKE

I knew this brand of instant ramen very well, but somehow it tasted different from the countless times I ate it alone in my own room.

Perhaps I had my tears to blame for that. But maybe not.

FLUTTER

...?!

OPHIUCHUS

November 30–December 17

What is Ophiuchus?

Ophiuchuses are like...

FLAP

Fully Illustrated

Curses of the Zodiac Signs

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BZZT

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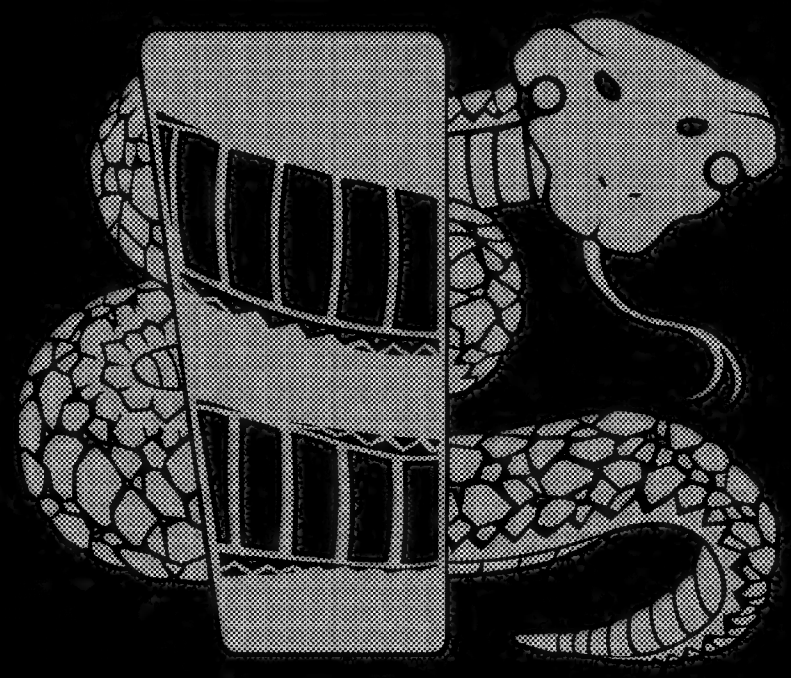

04: Nadeko Snake

Nadeko Sengoku was my little sister's class-mate.

THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
Going some-where?
Yeah! Naoetsu Land!
Naoetsu Lan... Do you just mean the park?
That said, it was back when I was still in grade school.
To be honest, I barely remember what my little sister's friends looked like then. They all seemed the same to me.
THP
THP
THP

But to start this story with its conclusion,

it seems as though Nadeko Sengoku, a friend of my little sister's whom I barely remembered ...

Come with us, Koyomi!

We need one more to play.

Twitch

...would end up becoming ...

Oh ...

Sure.

...some-one "unique."

Some-one I could never forget.

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My senior Araragi!
I'm sorry to make you wait.
SKREECH
It's all right. I just got here, too.

Wow... Being so transparently considerate just to avoid causing me undue mental stress testifies to your good nature. Your inborn level of magnanimity is just unlike anything else. Someone of my low stature can barely grasp you in all your glory. I'd have to take three steps back and look up to take in all that you are. I'm truly stunned that the size of your largesse would move me within mere seconds of seeing you. Seems like I have no choice but to spend all the respect I can muster in my lifetime on you alone. Good heavens, I think I nearly resent you for that.

Why don't we get going, Kanbaru?

Hey, don't go around calling people transparent.

Sure.

Hm?

SNUG

SQUEEZE

?!

SQUISH

...

Hrm?

No, I think the usual comparison is to marshmallows, not mashed potatoes.

?!

WHAT ?!

DID I VOICE WHAT I WAS THINKING JUST NOW?!

Ah, no, you didn't. Don't worry.

I only heard it telepath-ically.

STOP MAKING IT SOUND LIKE WE'RE GOING OUT OR SOMETHING!

Hehe-heh.

Well, we'll just have to show them, in that case.

EVERYONE AROUND HERE MUST HAVE HEARD IT, THEN!

THAT'D MAKE IT AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM!

WHEN DID I EVER SAY THIS WAS A DATE?

A DATE?!

Hrm?

GRRGHT

...Now get off of me.

KREAK KREAK

I don't want to.

I read that you're supposed to hold hands when you're on a date.

GCHHT GCHHT

HAHAHAHA

Now that you mention it, maybe you never did.

I was so excited when you asked me to go somewhere with you that I didn't really listen to what you were saying.

...Oh.

I *did* notice you were mumbling your replies the whole time...

I don't know what to think about you going straight to the deed without even going on a date?

I worry about your future.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANY DEED, SO STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME!

Still, I'm not sure how I feel about that.

Hmph

Listen ...

We're about to go up into the mountains.

We're going to a shrine up there.

Well, it's just past here.

I see.

So, we'll be doing the deed in a shrine.

WE WILL NOT.

I like it— the depravity of it all.

You're the pervert I expected and more.

I'm not against getting freaky. I'm no prude myself, you know.

WERE YOU LISTENING TO ME?! WE'RE NOT DOING THAT!!

...

In any case, this isn't a date...

I'd gotten myself so fired up for it because it'd be my first-ever heterosexual date...

...

It's hard to come up with a good quip here.

I'll ignore the "hetero-sexual" part.

Oh... So, it's not...

Ack!

In fact, I was so fired up...

...that I bought a smartphone for today, thus breaking a solemn vow that I'd held for my entire seventeen years of existence...

After all, it'd be awful if I got separated from you during our date...

...*Ugh.* I feel guilty now!

Even more guilt.

...in a multi-layered lunchbox.

I also woke up at four in the morning to make us lunch...

Fighting!

HEFT

Layers upon layers of guilt, just like that layered lunchbox...

...So that's her move. Hand-made lunches...

ACTUALLY, THIS IS A DATE!

But it looks like it was all a waste...
So, it wasn't a date after all. I was really looking forward to it, too. I feel like an idiot, the way I went and got myself excited for nothing.
I'm red with embarrassment. My dreams were too big for reality. It seems so obvious now.
There's just no way that my most noble senior Araragi would bother dating a fool like me.
I couldn't have been any more conceited...
I'm sorry to have troubled you with my wild assumptions. Well, this smartphone and this multi-layered lunch box are pointless now.
They're just going to weigh us down, so I'll toss them somewhere. Wait here just a minute—I'll change into a tracksuit real fast.

AAAHH!

OH YEAH, RIGHT!

おっとっと!!

HOORAY, I FINALLY GET TO GO ON A DATE WITH MISS KANBARU!

AHAHAHA

あっはっはっは

BOY, I'VE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!

TODAY WAS A DATE AFTER ALL, KANBARU!

Ack.

REALLY?

SHINE

...

KRAK

GHAAH.

Seriously, what is with this girl...?

OH, MY SENIOR! MY SENIOR ARARAGI!!!

YOU'RE SO KIND!

I'M SO GLAD!

BOING

BOING

She sure is cute, though.

KREE KREE KREE KREE KREE

Oh, but you don't need to tell me where we're going. The needle on my compass is always pointing in whatever direction you're heading.

Pretty sure I gave you an explanation...

Given your appearance, though, I assume you weren't listening when I told you why we're going to this mountain.

But don't boys scrounge around shrines and the like for rhinoceros and stag beetles when they're little?

Beetles, huh...

BONK コツン BONK コツン

No... Not particularly.

Are you the type to feel at home in mountains or shrines?

Still, what's the occasion?

You mean black diamonds.

And that'd just be illegal dumping if those were up here.

Tires are usually black, though...

THAT'S RIGHT. THEY'RE SO VALUABLE THEY'RE KNOWN AS BLACK TIRE MOUNDS.

It's a job from Oshino.

Oh?

He said to go up to its main hall and stick a talisman on it to...

It seems like the shrine up here stopped being used a while back.

Hm?
TWITCH
FWAP
...!

What's the matter? Someone you know?

No ...

Six years.

That's more than enough time for a person to change.

Even if it were me...

If I were to encounter my grade-school self in the street all of a sudden, I doubt either of us would recognize the other.

So maybe these regrets don't have any meaning at all.

But still, if only I'd noticed Nadeko Sengoku a little sooner...

Then,
per-
haps
this tale
wouldn't
have
ended
the way
it did.

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Bakemonogatari 6

THP
THP
THP
THP
THP
...
TO PUT IT AS YOU WOULD,
"SHE'S GOT SOME PRETTY SHAPELY HIPS ON HER!"
As if I'd ever say something like that!

Still, that girl...

Have I seen her before ...?

I just can't tell...

Given her age... Maybe she has something to do with my youngest sister?

...

...Come on, let's go. I was wondering if maybe this was Oshino playing a prank on me,

but I can rule that out if someone came from up there.

...Sister? Oh. So, you have a little sister. And more than one.

YOU DON'T TRUST ME AT ALL, DO YOU?!

WHAT KIND OF THEORY IS THAT?! AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PRETEXT"?!

Yes. But this also seems to rule out the possibility that you're the one tricking me by using a job from Mister Oshino as pretext to bring me into these isolated mountains, only to force upon me every lustful desire that dwells within your heart.

AND WAIT, WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DISAPPOINTED ?!

DON'T ACT SO SUR-PRISED !

What ?

Hold on, is it really your intention to not do any deed with me?!

NOT ANOTHER WORD ABOUT HOW SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED YOU ARE!

I'll forgive you with a smile on my face, you know.

Oh. Well, in that case I'd likely quiet down quite a bit if you'd just relieve these frustrations of mine.

That's the easiest way to calm an animal in heat, is it not?

ZSSHH

You're already pestering me.

You can call it a mistake, I won't mind. I don't intend on pestering you after-wards.

I'm going on ahead.

I see.

Ignoring me, eh?

AND YOU CAN GO HOME!

I have to say this is the first time I've ever met someone calling herself an animal in heat...

So cold to my advances. Or maybe just indiffer-ent.

Being treated like air is going to make me lose confidence in my feminine charms, you know.

THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS! I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, AND HER NAME IS SENJOGAHARA. IF I DIDN'T BEHAVE INDIFFERENTLY, THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM, NO?

It looks to me like your relationship is still a platonic one.

And in that case, I think you must need a place to release those pent-up sexual desires of yours. Those urges are practically about to burst out of your trousers.

NO, I DON'T NEED A PLACE LIKE THAT! AND DON'T YOU VOLUNTEER TO BE A PART OF IT!

FLOAT

Senjogahara can take care of your emotional needs while I support your physical ones.

Behold. A golden triangle...

NO, YOU BEHOLD! THAT'S A GRIMY LOVE TRIANGLE, IF ANYTHING!!

WHY ARE YOU DOING A MONOLOGUE ?!

At the end of the day, he was but a man who could not betray his manly urges.

...He said this, and yet my senior Araragi was unable to take his eyes off my breasts.

Speaking of which— you have two little sisters, don't you ...?

Hmph... This isn't going as well as I thought. With a body like mine, I expected you to become my plaything in no time...

...

HEY! YOU'D BETTER NOT BE GETTING ANY FUNNY IDEAS !!

Oh, no...

Are they anything like you?

Heh heh heh. So, tell me...

Heh.

TWITCH

ZSSHH

...!

Damn you... A veiled threat?

Not only is she the biggest star on campus,

she's also a nympho with a thing for girls ...!!

A threat? Oh my...

What a grating accusation.

But there's no reason for me to ever do such a thing— as long as you and I stay close...

I'm confident I can seduce any girl younger than me in under ten seconds.

Such shocking words from a revered senior might cause me to panic and, well, who knows what I'd do?

Don't you think ...

...your attitude toward me ought to be a little different, my senior Araragi?

Guh...

Gah...

Ah, my chest feels a little stiff.

I wonder if I could find someone to give it a massage.

HOW DO I NOT COME OUT AHEAD IN THAT DEAL?!

Victory is always possible for the person who refuses to stop fighting.

Okay, joking aside—

Keep your jokes shorter!

We're going to stick a talisman on the shrine up there?

That's it, right?

Couldn't Mister Oshino have just gone and done this on his own?

SQUISH

He basically has nothing better to do, right?

HEY! DON'T USE MY ARM AS A CHEST-MASSAGER!!

Please, Kanbaru... Every time you do something, I start to fear for the safety of my very important parts...

SNIP ちょき

SNIP ちょき

Really? But my senior Senjogahara told me to have you pamper me...

Listen, despite the way things look, Oshino's a real professional.

He's not so kind that he'd lend you a hand pro bono.

You're indebted to him, and you need to work to pay it off.

Hm.

THMP

So, he lent me a hand, and now I'm in his debt.

Can't argue with that.

What is given must be received.

What is lent must be repaid.

Equivalent exchange.

The feelings of remorse I felt when it came to Kanbaru...

...had mostly disappeared when she and Senjogahara reconciled with each other.

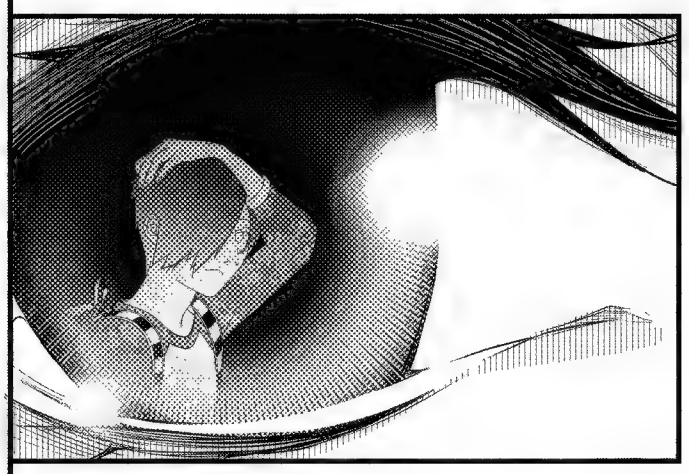
We were almost mirrors to each other.

Similarly, even though the slate wasn't clean, most of the negative feelings Kanbaru felt about me on the inside...

...had also disappeared.

Or at least, that's how it looked to me.

And the mirror I saw...



...seemed to reflect who I am now...

...even better than the face I see over the bathroom sink each morning.

—Wait a sec!!

Aren't you supposed to be my romantic rival?!

OH! NOW I GET IT, KANBARU!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE!!

Hrm ?

THIS IS HOW YOU'RE TRYING TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN ME AND SENJO-GAHARA!

YOU'RE USING YOUR BODY TO SABOTAGE ME!!

"TEE-HEE"?! DON'T GIVE ME THAT, YOU LOVABLE SCOUN-DREL!

TEE-HEE

SO, YOU FIGURED IT OUT.

But right now, it's like I'm in love with her even as she's going out with you.
And I love you, her boyfriend, almost as much as I love her.

...

Did she just casually confess to me?

KLONK

KLIK KLIK

KSSHT

KSSHT

No. It's the workings of the heart.

If I call her stupid, she says I'm stupid back. If I say I hate her, she says she hates me back. Is this the doing of a mirror?

No way, nuh uh.

THWAP THWAP

THWAP THWAP

If I say I love her, she'll say...

God, I'm so simple...

Oh no... My heart's starting to race.

Just like a mirror ...

...what is given will return to you.

...I would come to learn again in the strongest of ways.

A fact...

Big brother ...

Koyomi ...

...and you yourself will be cursed.

Curse some-one...

BAKE MONO GATARI

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PANT
PANT
PANT
What should I do... He... He might see it!!
Wh-Why...? Why is he here...?
THWUSH
Oww ...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
THOK
Ah!
Big brother Koyomi ...

BAKEMONOGATARI

No...
But it was only for a moment...

Maybe it was someone else...

...

SHIVER

!!

Ugh!

Aah
!!

TWITCH

TWITCH

Ah!

Ah!

Ah
...!

SKREEEE

hh!!

ah

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Aa

aa

No!

No ...!

ZZZZT

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
TWITCH
TWITCH
ZSSHH
ZSSHH
Haah!
Haah!
Haah!

SKREEEE

Ah!

THUD

TUG

Sto—

Ah!

Ah!

Ah!

Go home...

Need to...

N...

Big bro-ther Ko-yomi ...

Save me ...

ZZT

ZZT

ZZT

By the way,

Kan-baru.

Why?! Aren't you my senior, my senior Araragi?!

I've been meaning to say this for a while now, but could you stop calling me your senior?

Don't change my name.

No, the other part.

Who's Kesen-numa, any-way?

Like my senior Kesennuma?

Well, aren't there a lot of other things you could call me?

Actually, I'm not sure if I'd match up to a school celebrity like you— but still.

I want us to be on more equal footing.

Giving me any sort of title feels so stiff and formal, doesn't it?

I... I see...

Oh, don't be ridiculous. Nothing could ever make me happier than being with you like this. Getting to know you makes me nearly as happy as reconciling with my other esteemed senior, Senjogahara. If there's anything about you that I'm dissatisfied with, it's that I didn't meet you sooner in life.

Sure, call me what-ever you want.

I suppose I could refer to you in a somewhat more intimate way.

But if it's what you really want...

ALL RIGHT ...

KOYOMI.

...

...

...

...Only my family calls me that...

And you can call me Suruga, Koyomi.

WHY DO YOU KEEP GOING ON LIKE WE'RE AN ITEM?!

I'm doing it on purpose. You know that was supposed to be a joke, Koyomi.

Hahaha! Oh, you.

HAVING A GIRL CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MILESTONE EVENT IN A MAN'S LIFE, ISN'T IT?!

WHY ARE YOU STILL CALLING ME THAT, THEN?!

EVEN SENJOGAHARA STILL CALLS ME ARARAGI, YOU KNOW!

THE "LAST HERO OF OUR CENTURY," KOYOMI.

CENTURY? ISN'T THAT A LITTLE PREMA-TURE?!

AND THAT'S LIKE, TWICE AS LONG AS MY FULL NAME, ANYWAY!

Room

THE "DASHING KNIGHT OF LIGHTNING," KOYOMI.

MY GRAND-FATHER GAVE ME THIS NAME, OKAY? DON'T GO STICKING SOME WEIRD SLOGAN ON IT!!

Hahaha!
Well, I can't bring myself to refer to someone older than me without a title.

In that case, why don't we try a nickname?

...

...

A nick...
name...?!

Well...
What were you thinking?

Ragi.

THAT'S A LOT COOLER THAN I THOUGHT IT'D BE!

TOO COOL, IN FACT!!

I almost feel like you'd be making fun of me every time you used it...

So I gathered... But it seems a little too cool...

Ragi

Koyomi Ara[ragi]

(Proper noun)

Koyomi Araragi.
A person's name.
Third-year student at Naoetsu High. Has two little sisters.

I took the last half of "Araragi" to come up with it.

With what?

HRMM

You have a point. Then why don't we take a little from both of your names and go with...

NOW YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY MAKING FUN OF ME!!

[Ko]yomi Ara[ragi]

Ragiko.

I DON'T NEED YOU HERE!!

GO HOME!!

Don't be shy, li'l Ragiko.

Gah... I forgot— yelling doesn't work on a masochist.

Could you be the strongest opponent I've faced yet?!

AW, RAGIKO'S BEING MEAN TO ME!

BUT I DON'T MIND BEING BULLIED AT ALL, HEHEHE! ♡

It was a fun conversation.

Maybe a little *too* fun.

I feel...

...the same way, Kanbaru.

If only I'd met you a little earlier. Maybe—

Even if I did snip it off, you'd grow it right back, wouldn't you?

ちょき SNIP

What? No, I'm not blaming you for this. I'm just removing the root cause of your infidelity.

ちょき SNIP

Don't worry. Every day I'll lovingly chop it off in lieu of a good morning kiss.

ちょき SNIP

I can't stop imagining these scenes!!!

GUH?!

IS IT TELE-PATHY?!

What's wrong, my senior Araragi?

Oh, no... Maybe I should put some distance between myself and Kanbaru after all...

...That's right. Knowing her, she really might go that far!! That's the kind of woman she is...

Okay, sure. Is 30,000 yen enough?

She was rich !!

Lemme borrow some money.

Kanbaru. Sorry, but I forgot my wallet.

Act like a freeloader.

Part (1) of the plan to get Kanbaru to hate me...

Okay !!

ZWIP

I consider women's underwear works of fine art. Looks like we agree.

Oh, what a coincidence! Me too.

She agreed!

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M INTO RIGHT NOW? WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.

LEER

LEER

Part (2): Act like a hope-less lecher.

I couldn't agree more!! I always knew you weren't the type to be constrained by what society thinks. You sure know how to live!

I'm particularly interested in the underwear of elementary-school girls!!

All right, Part (3): Act like a bigger freak than her!

I can never hope to best her when it comes to dirty things —

I know what you're really trying to tell me with all of this.

What a modest man you are, my senior Araragi.

HA HA HA HA

...

Her esteem for me grew...

I WASN'T TELLING YOU THAT AT ALL!!

Why don't the two of us just kill that nuisance of a woman and bury her in the mountains?

EEEEE

EEEEE

EEEEE

...

What's wrong, Kanbaru?

Kanbaru? Tired?

Tired ?

I guess I feel... a little tired...

EEE

EEEEE

GRRRCH

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

KRAKL

NADEKOsnake

蛇女

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蛇女 onou

物 *mono*

語 *gatari*

化 *bake*

Yes... It might be an impolite request and a breach of etiquette for a junior to suggest that we eat...

...but when I don't feel well, it usually helps to fill my stomach with food.

...

She seriously doesn't look well.

Hey, Kanbaru. Are you okay?

Why don't we have lunch, my senior Araragi?

Lunch ?

Okay.

I'd appreciate that.

Okay, then.

Why don't I take care of this job real quick...

...while you find a place where we can enjoy the lunch you made?

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

Is that it?

Listen, Araragi ...

When Oshino gave this talisman to me... I'm pretty sure he said...

Umm ...

Most formalities are performances that people make up for their own sake.

It's all politics, whether it's a priest or a politician up there. They're all trying to make themselves look more important with as much gravitas as possible.

Formality isn't important here.

You don't put up a roof before you put down pillars, do you? Same thing.

That's how things are *assembled*, after all.

That you can't get wrong.

What's important is the order of things.

So, this way.

East-ward ...

Facing the direction of the morning sun when it rises during the winter solstice.

That's where you'll put it.

Take rice-porridge paste... and apply it liberally to the talisman...

Rice is an important thing to humans, right?

In other words, this is a way to pay respect to the gods. It doesn't matter what you use so long as you're paying respect, whether it's super glue or kraft tape.

Oh—but, Araragi.

Opening a hole has two meanings, you see.

Don't use anything that opens up holes, okay? Like tacks or nails.

And... letting things in.

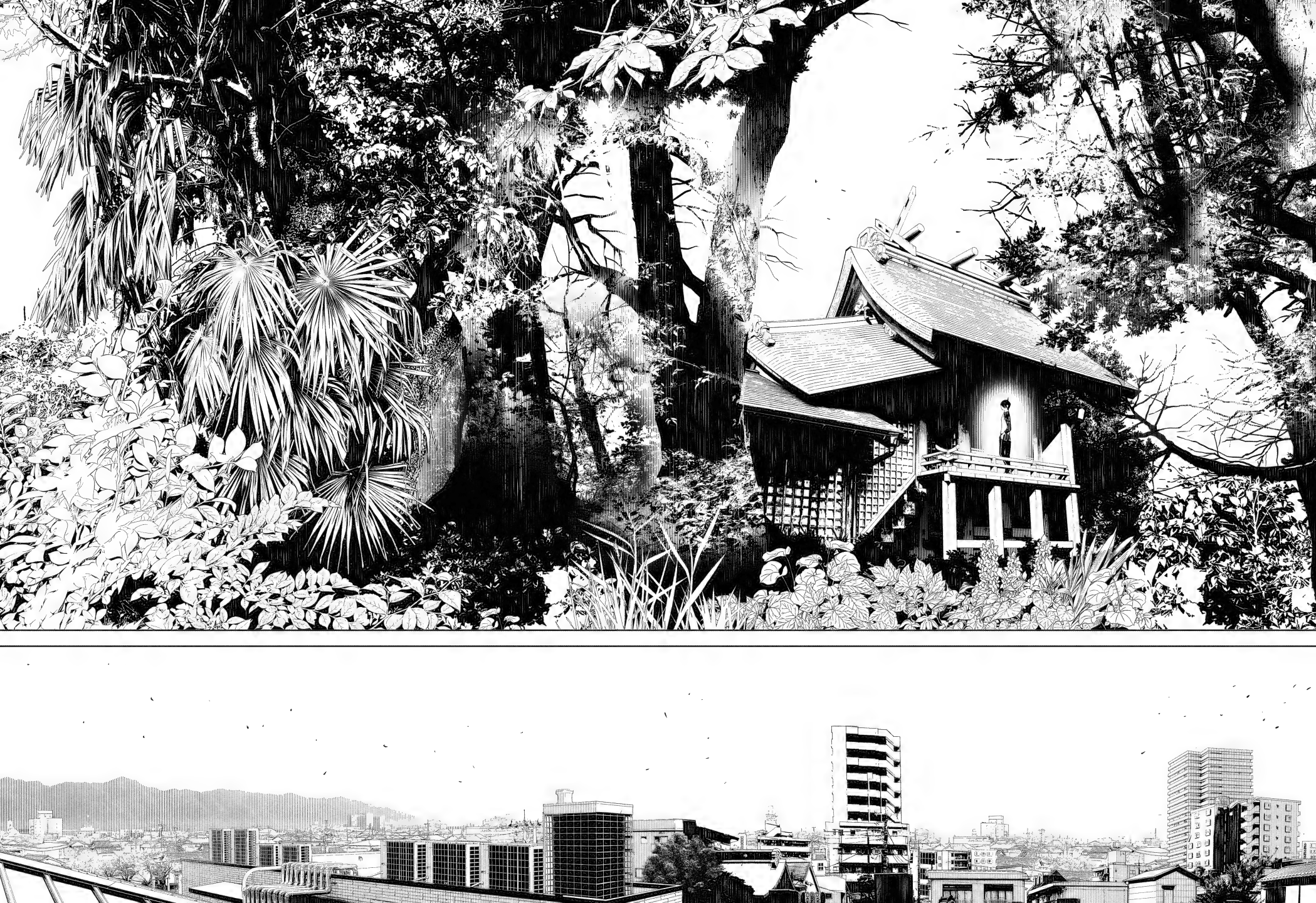
Letting things out.

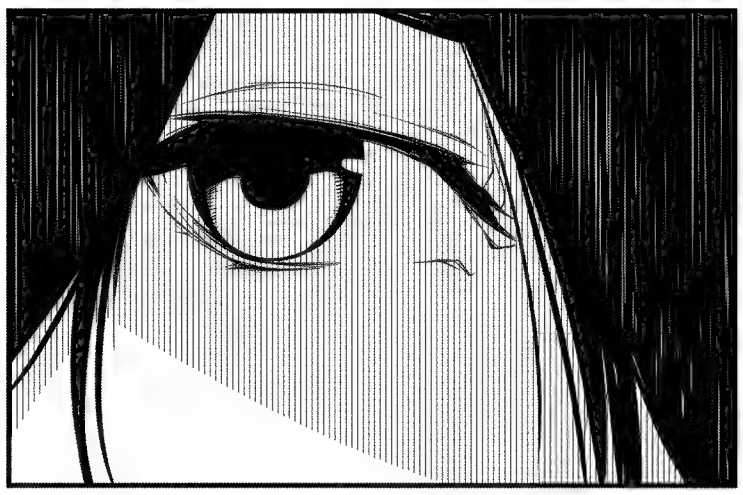
PTT

SPP

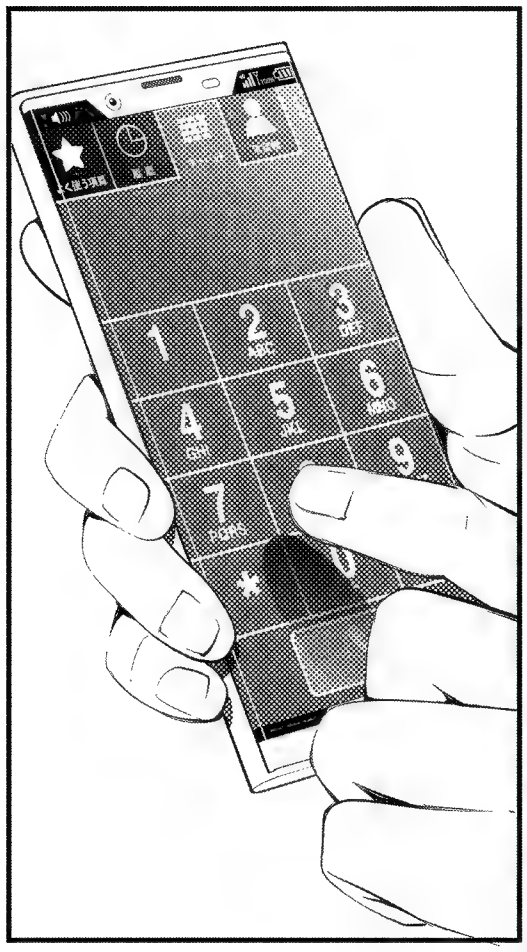
KLAP

KLAP





And then he said...nothing in particular would happen.



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Hey, Kan-baru!

Knock knock? You there ?!

Oh, what's this? Girl's under-wear? In a place like this?!

RUSTLE

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ガサ ガサ

RUSTLE RUSTLE

...Like that would really make her come out.

Heeey!

Wait ... Hold on.

KAN-BA-RU!

HEEEY!

Did she really get lost in these moun-tains?! That's no joking matter.

KRSH

KRSH

KRSH

KAN-BARU!

Kan-
ba—
Ru?!
ZSSHH
ZSSH
Whoa!
HYANGH♡
GRAB
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT! AND DON'T MAKE FUNNY NOISES LIKE THAT, EITHER!!
PANT
PANT
PANT
I'm sorry... I was just so surprised... You suddenly grabbed my flesh, after all.
DON'T CALL IT YOUR FLESH! IT'S YOUR SHOULDER!!

Allow me to make up for my faux pas with my body. I might pretend to resist a little, but it's all a performance to make the scene more exciting, okay?

Well, seems like you're doing fine.

...I... don't know about that. Look over there.

SNIFF
SNIFF

No, not *that*. Over there.

My senior.

ACK

EXHIBITIONIST
ANNOYING
TWEE
USED
DIE
BITCH
UGLY
SO MAD!
CONCENTRATED
POISON
SUPER UGLY
IDIOT
EMBARRASSING PAST
WEIRDO
UNDERSTAND
YOU
DON'T OWE
MONEY
STRESSES
US
OUT
UG
FUJOSHI
STUPID
HIG

GROSS
STUPID
LIAR
STRESSES ME OUT
STINKY IDIOT
TALK
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IDIOT
UGLY
USELESS
TRASH
WON'T
SHUT UP
I'M
GONNA
STAB
YOU
IDIOT
UGLY
SUPER
UGLY
STOP
TRICKING
LAME
FOOL
CREEP
NO
FRIENDS
SLUT
SHRIMP
LAME
101
NEGA
AWFU

Huh?

...

Holes

...

...?

Holes
...

They've been opened up...

STINKY FEET
LIAR
TOTAL IDIOT
TRASH
SLUT
DIE
IDIOT
GARBAGE WOMAN
PIECE OF SHIT
VOLVO
Weirdo
TWEE
!!!

That girl's name.

And then, I suddenly remembered her name.

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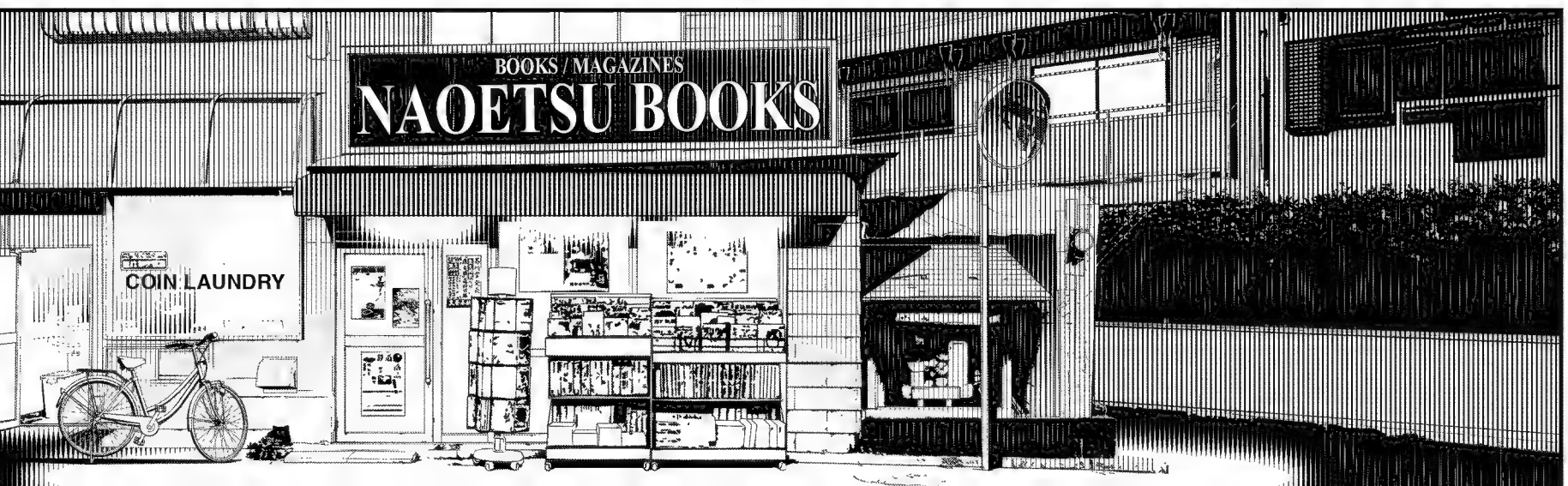

Um. That's...

Kita-Shirahebi Shrine—right?

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I don't know every-thing.

I just know what I know.

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